

 <p>Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels</p>	<p>Joint Eleventh Meeting of the Seabird Bycatch Working Group and Seventh Meeting of the Population and Conservation Status Working Group <i>Edinburgh, United Kingdom, 18 May 2023</i></p> <p>ACAP High Priority Populations - reporting template Secretariat</p>
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SUMMARY

Nine ACAP populations (at island or island group level) are currently designated as High Priority Populations. Although updates on some Priority Populations have been provided to PaCSWG meetings in the past, the reporting has not been consistent, and there has been little coordination with SBWG in identifying or reviewing conservation actions for these populations.

A draft reporting template was developed and presented to both Working Groups at PaCSWG6 and SBWG9 for their input and endorsement to facilitate this review process but there was no agreement on the proposed document or reporting responsibilities. A modified draft template is again presented for discussion.

It was also proposed that to avoid duplication of effort, the template will be embedded in the ACAP database as far as possible, and will form part of the annual cycle of AC reporting. It could also be further linked to the triennial implementation reporting to the Meeting of the Parties (MoP) in the same way as the wider prioritisation framework for conservation actions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the PaCS and Seabird Bycatch Working Groups consider the draft reporting template again, advise of any changes which should be made, and recommend its implementation for the next meetings of the Working Groups and AC14 in 2024.
2. That the PaCS and Seabird Bycatch Working Groups support the proposal by the Secretariat that this reporting template is incorporated into the annual cycle of AC reporting, and, as appropriate, into the triennial implementation report provided by Parties prior to each MoP.

Poblaciones prioritarias del ACAP: plantilla de informe

RESUMEN

Nueve poblaciones del ACAP (a nivel de isla o grupo de islas) están designadas actualmente como poblaciones de mayor prioridad. Aunque se facilitaron actualizaciones sobre algunas poblaciones prioritarias en las reuniones del GdTPEC, los informes no fueron coherentes y ha habido poca coordinación con el GdTCS a la hora de identificar o revisar las medidas de conservación para estas poblaciones.

Se elaboró un borrador de plantilla de informe, el cual se presentó a los dos Grupos de Trabajo en la sexta reunión del GdTPEC (PaCSWG6) y la novena reunión del GdTCS (SBWG9) para que hicieran sus aportaciones y lo refrendaran con el fin de facilitar este proceso de revisión; sin embargo, no se llegó a un acuerdo sobre el documento propuesto ni sobre las responsabilidades de presentación de informes. Se presenta de nuevo para debate un borrador de plantilla modificado.

También se propuso que, para evitar la duplicación de esfuerzos, la plantilla se integrara en la base de datos del ACAP en la medida de lo posible y que formara parte del ciclo anual de presentación de informes al CA. Esta también podría vincularse a la presentación de informes trienales de implementación a la Reunión de las Partes (RdP), del mismo modo que el marco más amplio de priorización de las medidas de conservación.

RECOMENDACIONES

1. Que los Grupos de Trabajo sobre Población y Estado de Conservación y sobre Captura Secundaria de Aves Marinas consideren de nuevo el borrador de plantilla de informe, aconsejen cualquier cambio que deba realizarse y recomienden su implementación para las próximas reuniones de los Grupos de Trabajo y la CA14 en 2024.
2. Que los Grupos de Trabajo sobre Población y Estado de Conservación y sobre Captura Secundaria de Aves Marinas apoyen la propuesta de la Secretaría de que se incorpore esta plantilla de informe al ciclo anual de presentación de informes al CA y, según proceda, al informe trienal de implementación que las Partes presentan antes de cada RdP.

Populations prioritaires de l'ACAP – modèle de rapport

RÉSUMÉ

Neuf populations listées à l'ACAP (au niveau des îles ou des groupes d'îles) sont actuellement désignées comme hautement prioritaires. Si des mises à jour sur certaines Populations prioritaires ont été fournies lors de précédentes réunions du GTSPC, les rapports ne sont pas cohérents entre eux, et il y a eu peu de coordination avec le GTCA dans l'identification ou l'examen des mesures de conservation pour ces populations.

Un projet de modèle de rapport a été élaboré et présenté aux deux Groupes de travail lors de la sixième réunion du GTSPC (PaCSWG6) et de la neuvième réunion du GTCA (SBWG9), afin de recueillir leurs commentaires et leur approbation pour faciliter ce processus d'examen, sans toutefois aboutir à un accord sur le document proposé ni sur les responsabilités en matière de reporting. Un projet de modèle modifié est à nouveau présenté pour discussion.

Afin d'éviter un double travail, il a également été proposé que le modèle soit intégré à la base de données de l'ACAP, dans la mesure du possible, ainsi qu'au cycle annuel des rapports du CC. Il pourrait également être lié au rapport triennal de mise en œuvre présenté lors de la Réunion des parties (RdP), à l'instar du cadre plus large de hiérarchisation des actions de conservation.

RECOMMANDATIONS

1. Que le GTSPC et le GTCA réexaminent le projet de modèle de rapport, signalent tout changement à apporter et recommandent sa mise en œuvre pour les prochaines réunions des Groupes de travail et de la CC14 en 2024.
2. Que le GTSPC et le GTCA soutiennent la proposition du Secrétariat d'incorporer ce modèle de rapport au cycle annuel du CC et, le cas échéant, dans le rapport triennal de mise en œuvre fourni par les Parties avant chaque RdP.

BACKGROUND

Nine ACAP populations (at island or island group level) are currently designated as High Priority Populations. PaCSWG3 recognised the importance of identifying priority actions and monitoring progress for each High Priority Population. Six of the nine Priority Populations have action plans, with those for the Balearic Shearwater *Puffinus mauretanicus* and the Waved Albatross *Phoebastria irrorata* currently being updated (**Table 1**). Although updates on some Priority Populations have been provided to PaCSWG meetings in the past, the reporting has not been consistent, and there has been little coordination with SBWG in identifying or reviewing conservation actions for these populations.

A draft reporting template was presented to both Working Groups at PaCSWG6 and SBWG9 for their input and endorsement to facilitate this review process. The template was not intended to replace a comprehensive action or management plan for the population or species. Rather than reviewing all actions, the focus is intended to be only on progress against tasks identified as of the highest priority.

PaCSWG6 agreed that the template should consist of only key issues. Priority actions should be raised by the Party responsible for the priority population, and other Parties would then report against these. Some uncertainties were expressed regarding who would be responsible for completing the template. While this is clear for land-based threats, where the responsible party is the authority for the breeding site, nominating marine champions may be useful for collating information on at-sea threats and actions.

There were also some concerns that the language in the template was ambiguous and so there was no agreement on the proposed document. SBWG9 did not discuss the template. Due to PaCSWG7 and SBWG10 being held as online meetings with curtailed agendas, further discussions of the template were postponed to this joint meeting. The draft template is presented again with some minor amendments in **ANNEX 1**.

It is also proposed that to avoid duplication of effort, this template will be embedded in the ACAP database as far as possible, and will form part of the annual cycle of AC reporting. It could also be further linked to the triennial implementation reporting to the Meeting of the Parties (MoP) in the same way as the wider prioritisation framework for conservation actions.

Table 1. Populations that have been identified as meeting the criteria for **ACAP High Priority Populations** (declining at more than 3% per year, held more than 10% of the global population, and were at risk from fisheries).

Year Added	Species	Breeding Site or Island Group	Action Plan
2011	1 <i>Diomedea exulans</i>	South Georgia (Islas Georgias del Sur) ¹	http://www.gov.gs/albatross-action-plans/
	2 <i>Thalassarche melanophris</i>	South Georgia (Islas Georgias del Sur) ¹	http://www.gov.gs/albatross-action-plans/
	3 <i>Diomedea dabbenena</i>	Gough Island	Required Generic Tristan da Cunha Plan: http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/pub10_TristandaCunhaACAPplan.pdf
	4 <i>Phoebetria fusca</i>	Crozet Island	Required
2016	5 <i>Thalassarche chrysostoma</i>	South Georgia (Islas Georgias del Sur) ¹	http://www.gov.gs/albatross-action-plans/
	6 <i>Thalassarche carteri</i>	Amsterdam Island	Required Second National Plan of Action for the Amsterdam Albatross 2018-2027 includes some actions relevant to this population: https://reserve-australes.taaf.fr/en/protection/national-action-plan-for-the-amsterdam-albatross/
	7 <i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>	Balearic Islands	International Species Action Plan for the Balearic shearwater, <i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i> 2011 (currently being updated)
	8 <i>Phoebastria irrorata</i>	Espanola Island	AC4 Doc 50 Rev 4 and AC6 Doc 29 (currently being updated, see PaCSWG5 Inf 21)
2017	9 <i>Diomedea antipodensis</i>	Antipodes Islands	CMS Concerted Action Plan (New Zealand, Chile, Australia)

¹ A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty of the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas), South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands (Islas Georgias del Sur e Islas Sandwich del Sur) and the surrounding maritime areas.

ANNEX 1: PROPOSED REPORTING TEMPLATE FOR ACAP'S PRIORITY POPULATIONS

ACAP Priority Population:

Population coordinator (responsible for collating report):

ACAP Parties or Range States responsible for breeding sites:

ACAP Parties, Range States and management bodies responsible for at-sea range:

Action #:
Is the action at breeding sites or at sea?
Action already identified in existing Action/Management Plan for the species/ population/breeding site? (Reference to document text/page/table)
Is this: Priority research, conservation action, education, policy, other?
What needs to be done?
Timeframe
Have any actions <u>steps</u> been taken since the last report (date)?
Who by?
Was this <u>For completed actions, was their effectiveness as planned?</u>
If not, why not?
<u>For ongoing actions, W</u> hat remains to be done?
How will this be achieved?
Compiled by/contributors to this action:
Overall progress for this action: satisfactory or not satisfactory? <u>Fully achieved (to schedule and level of desired effectiveness)</u> <u>Partially achieved</u> <u>No progress/Failed</u>